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2d Cavalry Regiment welcomes new CSM

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ROSE BARRACKS, Germany – The 2d Cavalry Regiment held a change of responsibility ceremony April 30, at Rose Barracks, Germany.

Command Sgt. Maj. Wilbert Engram Jr. assumed responsibility of the 2 CR as the senior enlisted advisor from Command Sgt. Maj. Malcolm D. Parrish.

Engram served as the command sergeant major in the 189th Infantry Brigade, located in Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Washington. This is his first time being in a cavalry regiment.

"I am absolutely excited about coming to this job. This is my inaugural experience being in a cavalry unit," said Engram.

Command Sgt. Maj. Engram has served predominantly in infantry battalions and brigades after entering the U.S. Army in 1986 and completing One Unit Station Training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Engram assumed responsibility from Sgt. Maj. Parrish who has served as the 2 CR command sergeant major just short of two years.

"During the last 18 months I have been a part of the best unit in the Army," said Parrish. "The Dragoons represent less than 1% of our nation's most valuable asset, its sons and daughters, and they represent our nation, the Army and the Regiment to the highest standards."

Parrish will move on to become the first command sergeant major of the U.S. Army War College.

Engram is aware of his responsibility to maintain the legacy of 2 CR and knows how he wants to move forward.

"The commander and I are both infantry and I don't want to lose any of the heritage and heraldry as it applies to a cavalry unit," said Engram. "We are going to continue to maintain the cavalry history."

Engram gave some insight into his expectations of the Soldiers in the Regiment.

"I am absolutely passionate about being a soldier and I expect no less than boundless commitment," said Engram.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the 2 CR Reed Museum for Engram and his wife Robin welcoming them into the Dragoon family. When asked about his new position in 2 CR Engram explained his excitement to continue the legacy of the unit.

"I look forward to the opportunity to continue the great work that CSM Parrish has poured into the unit," said Engram.